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FROM RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: RSO TUNIS COVERAGE OF ALGERIA

REF: STATE 134464

1. BASIS FOR PROPOSED REASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY
PREDICATED ON CURRENT AND PROJECTED DETERIORATING RELATIONS
BETWEEN ALGERIA AND MOROCCO AS COMPARED TO MORE STABLE
RELATIONS EXPECTED BETWEEN ALGERIA AND TUNISIA.

2. THE FACT THAT CURRENTLY RSO RABAT MAY HAVE TO TRAVEL
INDIRECT AIR ROUTE TO ALGIERS FROM RABAT NOT PARTICULARLY
SIGNIFICANT TO RSS SINCE AIR TRAVEL OUT HERE IS TENUOUS AT BEST.

3. THE FACT THAT IN WORSENING SITUATION BETWEEN ALGERIA AND
MOROCCO RSO RABAT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER COUNTRY IN AN
EMERGENCY, HAS MERIT. HOWEVER, EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT
IN REAL EMERGENCIES AIRPORTS GENERALLY ARE CLOSED,
OR FLIGHTS ARE CANCELLED, OR POST DOESN'T WANT RSO TO
COME AS HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED WITH ALGIERS IN PAST.

4. MY CONCERN IS WHETHER THE WORKLOAD REMAINING AT RABAT
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WILL BE REALLY SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT A FULL TIME RSO. POST
AND RSO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT WORK. AS COMPARED
TO OTHER RSO OPERATIONS IN AFRICA, IT WOULD NOT BE. AS
COMPARED TO MIDDLE EAST POST IT COULD BE. SAME QUESTION
MAY WELL BE POSED FOR RSO TUNIS WITHIN ONE YEAR PERIOD,
IF HIS TERRITORY NOT EXPANDED. ON THAT BASIS, WHEN TERRITORY
REALIGNED, WE MERELY SWITCHING QUESTION FROM TUNIS TO RABAT.

5. WITH PROPOSED REALIGNMENT RSO TUNIS WILL HAVE FAIRLY
BALANCED OPERATION WHICH CAN SUPPORT AN RSO.

6. SINCE AMBASSADOR RABAT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE
REALIGNMENT AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE INDICATED TO HIM THAT
THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEMS, AND FACT THAT RSO RABAT BELIEVES
HE CAN REMAIN FULLY OCCUPIED, I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL,
MERELY RESERVATIONS CITED ABOVE. HAVE DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL
WITH RSO TUNIS AS WELL AS ALL SENIOR POST OFFICIALS THERE. THE
AMBASSADOR APPROVES OF RSO TUNIS PROVIDING SECURITY SERVICES
TO POSTS IN ALGERIA.

7. RSS DELAYED COMMENT PENDING RECEIPT OF SPECIFIC APPROVAL
FROM THE AMBASSADOR IN TUNIS.
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